

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing a supplier or distributor interface, comprising:
  - a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods that are manually produced based on a recipe and sold by the stores;
  - b) aggregating by one or more computers the data ~~in a database~~ based on one or more supplier and/or distributor parameters;
  - c) receiving a request relating to production of the goods;
  - d) extracting in response to the request the recipe from the database relevant to the production of the goods and that uses at least one material in the production of the goods and an ~~the~~ amount of the material sold to at least one of the stores;
  - e) calculating by one or more computers based on the recipe an ~~a~~ ~~predicted~~ amount of the at least one material that should have been used for the amount ~~of~~ ~~sales of~~ the goods sold by the at least one store;
  - f) calculating by one or more computers a variance between the amount of the material sold to the store and the ~~predicted~~ amount of the material that should have been used based on the recipe for the ~~given level of sales~~ amount of the goods sold; and
  - g) transmitting information relating to the variance for use by one of a supplier of the material to adjust a supply of the material, a distributor of the material to adjust the distribution of the material, the supply chain manager, or the store using the material to make the goods.

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the stores include restaurants.
6. (Currently amended) A system for providing a supplier or distributor interface, comprising:

at least one computer including the following components therein or among them if more than one:

- a) a component for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods that are manually produced based on a recipe and sold by the stores;
- b) a component for aggregating the data ~~in a database~~ based on one or more supplier and/or distributor parameters;
- c) a component for receiving a request relating to production of the goods;
- d) a component for extracting in response to the request the recipe from the database relevant to the production of the goods and that uses at least one material in the production of the goods and an ~~the~~ amount of the material sold to at least one of the stores;
- e) a component for calculating based on the recipe an ~~a predicted~~ amount of the at least one material that should have been used for the amount ~~of sales~~ of the goods sold by the at least one store;
- f) a component for calculating a variance between the amount of the material sold to the store and the ~~predicted~~ amount of the material that should have been used based on the recipe for the ~~given level of sales~~ amount of the goods sold; and

g) a component for transmitting information relating to the variance for use by one of a supplier of the material to adjust a supply of the material, a distributor of the material to adjust the distribution of the material, the supply chain manager, or the store using the material to make the goods.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the stores include restaurants.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for providing a supplier or distributor interface, comprising:

comprising: one or more computer usable media having computer readable program code embodied therein or among them, to be executed by a computer, the computer readable program code comprising:

a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods that are manually produced based on a recipe and sold by the stores;

b) computer code for aggregating the data ~~in a database~~ based on one or more supplier and/or distributor parameters;

c) computer code for receiving a request relating to production of the goods;

d) computer code for extracting in response to the request the recipe from the database relevant to the production of the goods and that uses at least one material in the production of the goods and ~~an~~ the amount of the material sold to at least one of the stores;

e) computer code for calculating based on the recipe ~~an a-predicted~~ amount of the at least one material that should have been used for the amount ~~of sales~~ of the goods sold by the at least one store;

f) computer code for calculating a variance between the amount of the material sold to a-the store and the ~~predicted~~ amount of the material that should have been used based on the recipe for the ~~given level of sales~~ amount of the goods sold; and

g) computer code for transmitting information relating to the variance for use by one of a supplier of the material to adjust a supply of the material, a distributor of the material to adjust the distribution of the material, the supply chain manager, or the store using the material to make the goods.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the Internet.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the stores include restaurants.

16-18. (Cancelled)